



# Curious George F. News

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The library will be closed  
Friday, January 1, 2021.  
*Happy New Year!*

**Library Hours:**  
Mon—Thursday 9-6  
Friday 9-5  
Saturday—1-5  
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*All book sales have  
been cancelled for the  
foreseeable future.*

*We cannot accept any  
donations at this time.*

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**Library board meetings**  
are scheduled for the  
third Thursday of each  
month @ 7 p.m.  
**Next meeting will be  
January 21, 2021.**

*Due to Covid-19  
meetings are being held  
online. The meeting link  
can be found on the li-  
brary's website:  
[www.gfjlibrary.org](http://www.gfjlibrary.org).*

## Tech Center live streaming classes for January:

We are continuing with our live streaming Tech Center events in January to help you with your new tech toys. During these classes, you will be able to chat with our Tech Center staff as they present a live, online class. We will be using **Screenleap** which allows you to watch our presentation and use a chat box to ask questions.

### **iPad/Phone-Basics for the New User** – January 6th at 3:00pm

This workshop is for new iPad/iPhone users. Learn how to navigate, install and organize apps. The generic tips and tricks that will be presented will help you be more productive using your iPad or iPhone. Please make sure your device is updated to IOS14.

### **Apps for Health and Fitness** – January 14th at 3:00pm

Better health and fitness is a great goal for the New Year, and it's easier than ever with many cool free apps for iPhone and iPad and Android devices. We will help you find apps that will allow you to manage your weight, monitor diet, sleep better and find an exercise program that is right for you in the comfort of your home!!

### **Introduction to Zoom** – January 22nd at 3:00pm

Having a hard time with those Zoom meetings? Want to catch up with friends and family from a distance? This introductory class will allow you to ask questions and see how to attend and set up your own Zoom meetings.

### **What Can I do with a Smart Speaker** – January 27th at 3:00pm

Smart speakers have become very popular and inexpensive. Smart speakers enable us to do a variety of different things from controlling wireless enabled lights to providing information like the weather forecast. Although each smart speaker system is slightly different, they have several features in common. If you have a Smart Speaker or an interest in possibly buying one, tune in.

To join a class, click on the following link or copy and paste it into your browser:

**[https://screenleap.com/gfj\\_techcenter](https://screenleap.com/gfj_techcenter)**. If you have additional questions, check out our frequently asked questions about our live classes at **<http://www.gfjlibrary.org/tc/live-class-faq/>** or email us at [gfjtechcenter@gmail.com](mailto:gfjtechcenter@gmail.com).

As always, you can call the Tech Center at (607) 757-5359. Please leave a message and we will get back to you. We look forward to talking with you soon!

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**Curbside Pickup:** Call, text or go online while the library is open. Any materials requested within one hour of closing will not be for same day pickup.

Limit of 5 items per card, except for children's books, which have no limit.

**Call:** (607) 757-5350—#2 for Adult materials, #3 for Childrens.

**Texting:** Text "book" to (607)208-2121 . Click on the link in the response to enter our online chat service.

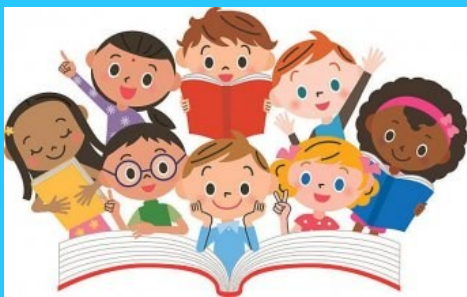
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gfjl.html](http://widget.uniquelibrary.com/configs/gfjl.html)** . For more information, go to our webpage:  
**[www.gfjlibrary.org/about/curbside-pickup/](http://www.gfjlibrary.org/about/curbside-pickup/)**

# GFJ LIBRARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2021

## Children Events—January 2021

Happy New Year! Hopefully, later in 2021 we will be able to deliver our programming in person, but in the meantime, we are working on a new, virtual story time experience for children ages 2.5 to 5! The plan is to debut it during January.

Please check our library page at [gfjlibrary.org](http://gfjlibrary.org) or follow us on Facebook to stay informed regarding the launch of this special program.



## INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

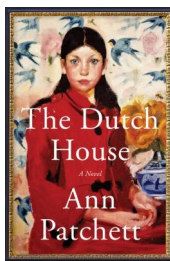
**If the Union-Endicott Schools are closed due to weather, the library will open at 11 am.**



This is for the safety of our staff, patrons, and the village workers trying to clear the roads and parking lots.

If it is determined that the library will remain closed for the entire day, we will post it on social media and our website as soon as possible.

## Adult Events—January 2021



The GFJ Book Club will meet via Zoom on January 27 at 1 p.m. to discuss **The Dutch House** by Ann Patchett.

At the end of the Second World War, Cyril Conroy combines luck and a single canny investment to begin an enormous real estate empire, propelling his family from poverty to enormous wealth. His first order of business is to buy the Dutch House, a lavish estate in the suburbs outside of Philadelphia. Meant as a surprise for his wife, the house sets in motion the undoing of everyone he loves.



If you are looking for a book and can't find it at any of the libraries in our system, we have a solution— you can request an out-of-system interlibrary loan (ILL).

An out-of-system ILL request is used to borrow books or other materials not available in our Four County Library System and can be requested at the information desk (both children's and adult).

Delivery of ILL items can take from 2-6 weeks depending on the location of the item. If you have a specific deadline, let us know when you place your request. Staff will let you know if we can't get an item. You will be notified when the item is available for pick-up and a fee of \$.25 is due at the time of the check out.

Due dates are determined by the lending library and no renewals are allowed. You may request an item again after 90 days.

For more information, check with our reference librarians at the information desk.